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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Services to the China Mail)

THE HORROR IN IRELAND.

STILL CONTINUING.

LONDON, March 29.

Four armed men shot and killed a Dublin Castle official named
Captain Rees, outside his hotel in Dublin at ten this morning.

MALLOW COURT ENQUIRY.

A White Paper report on the Mallow court enquiry into the shooting
of railwaymen finds that it was an unnecessary custom for railway-
men off duty to remain in Mallow station after curfew hours; that
these railwaymen were taken to the barracks but were not beaten,
inhumanly treated, or in any way abused, nor were they told to run and
fired upon when released from the cells. That party of railwaymen was
not fired upon when leaving the railway station for the barracks. Finally,
the remainder of the allegations made in the House of Commons are not
substantiated by evidence. The report mentions that a president of the
court, Colonel Cumming, was killed by rebels on March 5. The remaining
members of the court heard the evidence of 56 witnesses.

The official shot in Dublin was Captain Cecil Lees, formerly of the
Chinese labour corps, and son of an ex-British Consul in France. Five
shots were fired as he left his hotel for the Castle and he was killed instan-
taneously. The assassins escaped down side streets.

NOT THEIR FAULT.

BUT PEEVED POLES BOMBED BRITISH TOMMIES.

LONDON, March 29.

With regard to the attack on British troops in Upper Silesia as cabled
yesterday, Reuter understands that a band of Poles on March 15 bombed
a lorry-load of British troops without serious casualties. The attack has
no political significance and was merely due to the unreasonable anti-
foreign feeling of the Poles owing to their disappointment at the result
of the plebiscite.

PARIS, March 29.

From Oppeln comes news of another outrage in Silesia. A motor-car
belonging to the inter-allied commission smashed into a wire stretched
across the roadway and was wrecked against a tree. The French chauffeur
was killed and two French officials injured. The commissioners continue
to receive numbers of threatening letters.

NO REAL IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

DOMINIONS WOULD OBJECT.

LONDON, March 29.

Enquiries in authoritative circles dispose completely of the suggestion
that the question of imperial federation will be discussed at the June
conference of Dominions prime-ministers. It appears to be fully recognised
that even if a definite constitution of the Empire found favour in Britain
[which is, nowise certain] opposition thereto in the Dominions would be
such as to outrule even any hint of a concrete proposal. The agenda of
the conference so far as Britain is concerned will mainly consist of items
previously cabled, although no doubt arrangements for the so-called con-
stitution conference in 1922, such as venue, date, personnel, etc. will also
be discussed.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

FALSE REPORTS.

LONDON, March 29.

Reuter learns that reports regarding a new development of the Anglo-
Japanese alliance treaty are quite baseless. The question has not yet been
formally raised between Britain and Japan. The statement that a new
draft treaty with certain modifications has been drawn up is a pure fiction.
Japan, as well as Britain, realises the necessity of certain
modifications in view of the requirements of the League of Nations, but the
main fact is that the Dominions have the fullest right to be considered and
it is perfectly well known that nothing whatever will be done until after the
meeting of the imperial conference in June.

WIRELESS BETWEEN CANTON AND AMERICA.

SHANGHAI OPEN FIRST.

WASHINGTON, March 29.

The Department of Commerce, announces that work is shortly com-
mencing on the erection of a wireless station at Shanghai under agreement
between the Chinese government and the American Federal Telegraph
Company. It is anticipated that it will be completed in eighteen months
and enable direct wireless communication across the Pacific without relay
stations. It is also proposed to establish stations at Peking, Harbin, and
Canton.

THE BOATRACE.

CAMBRIDGE THE FAVOURITE.

LONDON, March 29.

The weather, which has become cold, wet, and stormy, may be the
decisive factor in the boatrace, which promises to be one of the closest in
recent years. Cambridge still starts favourite but the odds offered are
fractional compared with those laid when the crews first appeared at
Putney. Oxford has improved at every outing while Cambridge retains its
supremacy in style. Oxford has shown staying power forecasting a
thrilling finish.

JOHN BURROUGHS DEAD.

VENERABLE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER.

NEW YORK, March 29.

Mr. John Burroughs died suddenly in the train in Ohio, while travelling
from New York to his home at West Park.

[John Burroughs was a poet, a philosopher, and a naturalist. He
wrote beautiful books, and was a lovable man. He was 84 years old.]

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/4 5/8
Today's opening rate 2/4 5/8

GABY DESLYS.

RELICS SOLD.

HER MANY TREASURES.

Sables and East End feathers, silk
hats and caps, were strangely mixed
in the crowd which attended the sale
of poor Gaby Deslys's treasures in
Basil-street, Knightsbridge, S.W.,
writes "A Friend" in a Home paper.

Many who were there realised for
the first time that the gay, glittering,
wonderfully dressed Gaby had a love
for her home, an exquisite taste, and
an art of creating an atmosphere of
beautiful things far above the average.

Those Persian, Chinese, Indian
rugs were among her most cherished
possessions and used to adorn the
Moorish drawing-room so dear to her.
On that grand piano, sold for £210,
she used to accompany her own songs.
That fine old Dutch buffet, which
fetched £54, stood in her dining-
room and witnessed many a merry
supper party.

This gilded Italian bed—to be offered
for sale—had been a long-coveted
addition to Gaby's home, which she
loved with the passion of a true
French woman. And this severe ivory
crucifix was in her bedroom in front
of her prayer-stool, on which was an
old prayer-book. Her Gothic throne
chair, in which one of her most
successful photographs was taken,
fetched £38, and a rich Eastern loin
cloth £5.

I saw at the sale many girls who
from the ranks of the chorus used to
look up at Gaby as at a sort of half
divinity. They were touching the
silks, the furs, the furniture, which
had been hers, as one handles a sacred
relic.

Long, long ago I remember visit-
ing Gaby at her modest little Paris flat
furnished hurriedly for a few
thousand francs. She used to say,
"C'est tout-à-fait tapissier, mais un
jour j'aurai autre chose." ("It's very
gay, but some day I shall have
better.") These things that are being
sold now are the realisation of the
"autre chose"—a realisation which
had cost Gaby many years of hard
work.

PARIS RIVER MYSTERY.

PUZZLE FOR DETECTIVES.

A SHERLOCK HOLMES WANTED.

A Seine mystery, which might well
attract the attention of psychologists
of crime and make an appeal to a
modern Sherlock Holmes is at present
engaging the activities of the police.
It is a case of the dead bodies of
two men fished up from the Seine
and the Oise. One was without cloth-
ing, and was identified by means of
the scar of a war wound. In the
clothing of the other were found the
papers of the naked man. What the
police are trying to find out is how
these two men met their death. The
naked body was taken from the Seine
at Argenteuil, and it was by the scar
on his forehead that the dead man's
parents recognised him. He was Fer-
nand Pearson, a butcher's assistant.
23 years of age, whose family resides
at Soisy-sous-Montmorency. His body
was found on February 4.

From the Oise, at Pontoise,
was taken the body of a young
man whose papers and military book
showed that he was Fernand Pearson,
a butcher's assistant. How came this
second man into possession of the
papers of the first? Detectives are
endeavouring to find an answer to this
question. It is the key to the mystery,
and the answer will indicate whether
the papers were stolen, and, if so,
whether the theft was accompanied by
a crime—the throwing of Fernand
Pearson into the Seine after he had
been stripped of his clothing.

There remains the mystery attend-
ing the death of the second Fernand
Pearson. How came he to be drown-
ed in the Oise? In his case the hypo-
thesis of suicide committed through
remorse for a crime is discussed, as
is also a suggestion that friends of the
real Fernand Pearson may have track-
ed him to Pontoise and thrown his
body into the river out of revenge. It
is a troublesome double mystery that
the detectives are seeking to solve, and
their solution is eagerly awaited.

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II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Beavers.

Hour, 0.60 cents.

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One hour, 0.40 0.50

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One hour, 20

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CASE OF AMBROSE SMALL.

In connection with the missing
millionaire mystery which has again
come into prominence a Toronto cor-
respondent writes to an English
paper:—The disappearance of Ambrose J.
Small, the millionaire theatre proprie-
tor, is the most sensational and baffling
case in the records of Canadian crim-
inology. In a few days or weeks
John Doughty, his secretary for twenty
years, is to be placed on trial on a
charge of “conspiring to kidnap” his
former employer. The public does not
know what evidence will be produced
at the trial and has as yet learned
nothing about the case which in any
important degree dissipates the mys-
tery in which it has been shrouded
for the last fourteen months.It was on December 2, 1919, that
the last was seen of Ambrose Small.
His wife and friends were immedi-
ately anxious but, scouting the idea of
foul play, thought he must for some
reason have gone quietly away, per-
haps for a rest after the completion
of negotiations for the sale of almost
his entire theatre holdings which he
had been working on for some time.
Accordingly it was three weeks or
more before any official report was
made to the police department or any
steps taken to find him. The delay
has had an important bearing in ham-
pering investigation. It surrounded
with difficulty efforts to trace Small's
movements on the day he disappeared
and, if crime was committed, gave
the criminals time to hide their tracks.As far as can be pieced together
now, Small's movements on the day
of his disappearance were as fol-
lows: He lunched at a restaurant
with his wife and his solicitor.
After lunch he accompanied his
wife to an infant's home, telling
her in parting he would be home
to dinner at the usual time. He
then went to his office. There his
solicitor had a conference with him in
the late afternoon, and fixed the hour
of his departure by the fact that he
left about 5.30 to catch a six o'clock
train. Small was alone when the
solicitor left. After that all is blank.For a time the stories of two news-
vendors who asserted that they sold
Small papers on the street on the
evening in question were accepted,
and there have been built up on that
assumption many imaginative stories
telling how Small must have been kid-
naped on the dark street on the way
from his office to the point where he
would take a tram. But when the
news-vendors a year later came to tell
their stories in the witness-box it was
found they couldn't fix the date. There
is accordingly no evidence available
from anyone who saw Small after he
left his office on the evening of his
disappearance.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Now what about Doughty, the pri-
vate secretary? Under the sale which
Small had completed Doughty was
being transferred from Small's employ
to that of the purchasing company at
almost double the salary he had been
getting. He was to move to Montreal,
and on December 2 he took the
night train for his new work. Three
weeks later he returned to Toronto to
spend Christmas with his family, but
on December 28, instead of returning
to his post in Montreal as arranged, he
also disappeared.This second disappearance had the
effect of producing a sense of reassur-
ance about Small on the theory that
Small in retreat somewhere had sent
for his secretary to join him, though
among those who knew both men this
theory was never given much weight.It was not until some weeks after
Doughty's disappearance that search
for the missing man was energetically
pressed. When it was found that
\$100,000 worth of bonds were miss-
ing from Small's deposit box a war-
rant for Doughty's arrest was issued
and rewards for information of
\$50,000 for Small and \$15,000 for
Doughty were offered.By this time the case had achieved
wide notoriety, and the police depart-
ment, following the announcement of
the rewards, was deluged with suppo-
sited clues. More than \$100,000 was
spent in investigating them, only to
prove that they originated either with
cranks or with very superficial obser-
vers. However, in November, 1920,
a clue, apparently no different from
hundreds of others, led to the appre-
hension of Doughty, in Oregon City,
Oregon, 3,000 miles from Toronto.He was working as a labourer in a
paper mill, with no other attempt at
disguise, and on arrest returned to
Toronto without appeal to the extra-
dition laws. After five adjournments,
Doughty appeared before a magistrate
for preliminary hearing, and was com-
mitted for trial on two charges—(1)
of the theft of \$100,000 bonds, and
(2) of conspiring to kidnap Small. He
remains in jail awaiting trial.An immediate result of Doughty's
return was the recovery of the
\$100,000 missing bonds, and also of
\$5,000 bonds of which the police had
no record. They were found in an
attic room of his sister's home, which
had been his home, concealed in the
wall behind fresh plaster and wall-
paper. At the preliminary hearing a
statement by Doughty to the police
was read, and evidence was given by
Doughty's sister and brother. From
this testimony the following explana-
tion of the missing bonds, and of
Doughty's flight was presented:—
Doughty, in possession of the bonds on
December 2, 1919, planned to hand
them personally to Small in the hope
that Small would give him a substan-
tial honorarium at the termination of
his twenty years' service. Not find-
ing an opportunity to stage this little
scene before his departure for Mon-real on the night of December 2,
he had handed the bonds in a parcel
to his sister, telling her it was Mr.
Small's property, and to place it in
safe keeping. A few weeks later he
became alarmed at Small's continued
absence, which not only prevented
him from returning the bonds to
Small, but would be sure to direct
suspicion toward him, the bonds being
in his possession. His alarm increas-
ing, he took flight. On May 24,
1920, Doughty's sister handed the
bonds to another brother, William,
who secreted them in the attic wall,
and it was William who, on John's

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Rose, on behalf of the relatives of the late Thomas D. Philip, beg to tender thanks to friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes sent them in their recent sad bereavement.

BIRTHS.

KEMPTON.—On March 23, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kempton, a son.

WEEKS.—On March 23, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Weeks, a daughter.

BUDGEN.—On March 31, 1921, at Shanghai, to the wife of Capt. E. Budgen, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

PRINSEP-KOMAROV.—On March 21, at Vladivostok, Captain Evelyn S. MacL. Prinsep, 11th K.E.O. Lancers, I.A., to Clavdia Komarov.

DEATH.

SOUZA.—On March 21, 1921, at No. 5, Dent Road, Shanghai, Maria Celeste Souza, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. R. Souza, aged five days.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1921.

A COMMERCIAL CENSOR.

Bret Harte's "Strong Language from Truthful James" was suggested by the criticisms of the local Government and other people by the Chairman at the Chamber of

Commerce meeting last evening. The *China Mail* has been accused by a conservative logic here and there of being too "outspoken." What they will say of this speech we have yet to hear, but Hongkong officials will probably agree that the newspapers have been surprised at their own game. Will they, not liking the tone of the Chairman's speech, withdraw their support from the Chamber?

To one aspect we must take particular exception. That was the sneer at a Sanitary Board president being head of the police. While we certainly agree that the cobbler should stick to his last, and that Jacks of All Trades in the public service are undesirable, we are bound to point out that the case of Mr. Wolfe is an exceptional one, and its citation by Mr. Johnstone singularly unfortunate. Mr. Wolfe was not made president of the Sanitary Board because he was a sanitarian, nor solely because he was a cadet available. Everybody knows that he has an unusual ability for organization, and that is why he was sent to the Sanitary Board, which at that time needed reorganization. His methods have been utilized in other departments, with excellent results. It would be no more unfair for Mr. Wolfe to report that Mr. Johnstone's successes in the saddle are incompatible with good management of a large business.

So far as certain of the strictures, not referring to the Government, are concerned, we are not prepared to deny that they were called for, but we cannot approve of their tone. We do not think it right to suggest that commercial immorality is a national characteristic, peculiar to any one nation. Failure to keep contracts, either because they cannot or do not wish to, has from time to time to be alleged against the business men of all communities. The Chinese, who got a snubbing reference in this trade, have suffered at the hands of unworthy British merchants before now, and

so, we have heard it alleged, have Americans. It is proper to protest against breaches of business undertakings, by whomsoever made, but not in such a way as to reflect generally upon a race or nation. It so happens that this is a juncture in world affairs when every public orator should be chary of "hurting people's feelings," especially in the way of comparing nation with nation. Tact should be used, and it seems to us that in this case no useful purpose was served that could not have been better served by speaking generally of the essential sanctity of a bargain, and of the fact that this sanctity had been outraged during the period under review. As regards the so-called "business," we all know that there was a great deal of "counting last year"—wild buying and selling that could not be classed as legitimate business, and it is not surprising if there were some unlooked-for happenings. The report of the Chamber to a protest from the Chinese Chamber, that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, was a most unhappy quotation for such a stone-throwing speech. We presume it does not detract seriously from the excellent reputation which our Chinese merchants bear. Assuming that it is true that there were Chinese defaulters, surely it is not alleged that they were signatories or parties to the protest from the Chinese Chamber, which should have been treated preferably as a communication from honorable men to honorable men. In any case, what was the object of these recriminations against American and Chinese business men? What good could they do?

The several references to the Government stand on a different footing. Apart altogether from the question of their justice or injustice, we find them doubly annoying in the circumstances. We envisage the Government murmuring, "Et tu, Brute," as it receives these stabs. First a hint that it neglects education, falls short of the fine standard of effort put forth by others, and is, in the orator's phrase, too parsimoniously minded. Then the suggestion that it, the Government, expects the shipping companies to see that the laws of the land are carried out, with a sneer at the Poo-bah system of police appointments, and an appeal to the Government "to sink their petty jealousies," because "we do not want a Government cadet whose hands are tied, work hampered, and judgment overshadowed by thoughts of where his bread and butter comes from." If that be true when applied to a Government cadet, or a commercial secretary, how much more so in the case of a public newspaper? Need we remind readers of an attempt that was made a year ago to rub it well into our mind where our bread and butter came from, an attempt (as we loudly protested at the time) to hamper our work and overshadow our judgment. Certainly we applaud, crying "A Daniel! A Daniel!" But not, please note, anything about glass houses and stone throwing.

Are not men queer creatures? They talk and talk and talk, and the oftener they do it the oftener they give themselves away.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

TWO-NIGHTS CHINESE PLAY.

A VARIED PROGRAMME.

A copy of the admirable programme for the Variety Entertainment to be given in the Theatre Royal to-night by St. Paul's Girls' School, assisted by Madame Lottie Gordon and others, under the patronage of Lady Stables, Lady Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Bowden-Smith, in aid of the North China Famine Relief Fund, has been forwarded to us by Messrs. Moutrie's with whom seats may be booked. The entertainment will open with a vocal duet, "In the Garden of my Heart," by Madame Lottie Gordon and Mrs. Florence Cameron. Next come a song "Down Here" by Miss Nellie Williams and another song "The Waking of Spring," by Madame Lottie Gordon. These will be followed by a song "A Prayer" sung by Mrs. Florence Cameron and "Madrigals" sung by Mrs. E. G. Aquino. Monologues given by Madame Lottie Gordon by special request will complete the first half of the programme. After the interval the pupils of St. Paul's Girls' School will present "Uncle Kim," a delightful Chinese melodrama in three acts. By kind permission of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. their band will play selections during the intervals.

SPECIAL CABLES

BIG TIN FIND.

DISCOVERY IN JOHORE.

THE MOST VALUABLE YET MADE.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, March 29.

The firm of Sims Darby report the discovery of tin in Johore and claim that the find is more valuable than any hitherto made in Malaya.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Three "Dollar" boats, the "Esther," "Grace" and "M.S." have had their port of registry changed from London, England, to Vancouver.

Ticket holders for the dance at Government House in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes on Thursday March 31 are requested to present their tickets at the door.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 12, 1921, amounted to 89,229 tons and the sales during the period, to 80,412 tons.

Mr F. A. Nixon, Commissioner of the Kwangtung Postal District, was presented by the staff with a silver rose bowl and a silver fruit dish, on the occasion of his departure on home leave.

The Bandman Company open their season at the Theatre Royal to-morrow night. The Company's performances will be under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Stables.

Prizes for Nos. 7, 5, 19 and 23 which were drawn in the London Hospital Fund "Tambola," have not yet been claimed. Holders of these winning numbers can obtain their prizes on application to Mrs. Mowbray Jones, 75, Sharnbrook.

Cabaret dinner dances have been arranged at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-night and Saturday. Signor Antonio Molinari (the Milanese tenor) and Signora Molinari (soprano) will sing a number of songs and will also appear at a semi-sacred concert on Sunday afternoon.

A fire recently broke out at a tea-house in Tanshi-he in the Waiyang district and assisted by a strong wind burned for several hours, destroying about 41 business firms at a loss of more than \$150,000. Two merchants were burned to death and a large number were injured.

The Shanghai Magistrate is in receipt of instructions to the effect that Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his colleagues in the Military Government of South China have issued bonds to the value of \$5,000,000. The Magistrate urges the people, both Chinese and foreign, not to accept the bonds as they are "illegal" and Peking will not be responsible for their payment.

Eight cases of cerebro-spinal fever, of which one was fatal, were reported yesterday, also one case of enteric fever. All the cases were Chinese. Last week ten Chinese died from smallpox, five from influenza and three from cerebro-spinal fever. One non-fatal case of enteric fever British, one smallpox, another of paratyphoid fever, and two of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese, were also reported.

The str. "Pembroke" brought a very interesting cargo to China. She had on board 1,000 tons weight of locomotives, built in the United Kingdom for the Chinese Government Railways, and these were unloaded at Woosung and after being assembled were to be put into operation, thus assisting in relieving the traffic difficulties which have been recently experienced in the country. This is the third consignment of British-built locomotives which have already arrived, and others will follow.

A seaman of H.M.S. "Marazion," was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with having been drunk and disorderly in Spring Garden Lane, and with having damaged a gas bracket to the extent of \$3.50. The defendant admitted having been drunk, but said that he could not remember having smashed anything. Inspector Blackman who prosecuted said that the defendant entered one of the houses the worse for liquor, and for no apparent reason picked up a chair and smashed the gas bracket to the extent of \$3.50. The Magistrate enquired if there were any aggravating circumstances in the case. Inspector Blackman said that there were none, the defendant having given no trouble when arrested. He was very drunk when brought to the station. A fine of \$5 was imposed, \$3.50 of which was to go as compensation for the damage done.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The 52nd Ordinary Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held in the Board Room of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon to-day.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. W. Sassoon, and H. P. White (Consulting Committee), and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary). The following shareholders were present: Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, Geo. Grimble, A. Murdoch, A. Demissou, Ho Leung, and Lo Cheung-shun.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said—Gentlemen.—The Report and Accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

The result of our operations for the year 1919 now under review have, I am pleased to say, again been successful and the Account has run off leaving a credit balance of \$332,092.06 which, though less than the year 1918, is well up to the average for the last 20 years. This, I think, you will consider satisfactory in view of the fact that 1919 was not a happy period for Fire Insurance Companies. Many serious fires occurred in all parts of the World, Shanghai and the Northern Ports, the Philippines and India each contributing a very substantial quota. How serious this fire wastage has been may be seen from the fact that the sum paid for losses and claims amounts to no less than \$180,000 more than the highest total for any previous year.

Premium Income and Interest show increases of \$160,000 and \$34,000 respectively, these being partly due to the lower rate of sterling exchange at which we were able to convert our Sterling figures on the 31st December last. The ratios for losses and expenses work out at 52.47 per cent and 30.32 per cent respectively as against 24.35 per cent and 31.06 per cent for the year 1918.

The balance standing at credit of the Working Account 1920 is \$536,724.87 which is \$11,000 better than the carry forward for 1918, the previous best in the history of the Company. It is early however to comment on this Account which has yet a further nine months to run. This year also has borne its full share of losses, but we have every hope of its closing with a satisfactory balance in hand.

You will doubtless have heard of the disastrous fire which occurred in Shanghai on the 11th of this month, and you will, I am sure, be gratified to learn that the Company is only interested for the sum of \$30,000. The fire was one of the worst experienced by the Northern Port, and I think you will agree that we may consider ourselves extremely fortunate in escaping so lightly.

The surplus to be dealt with at this Meeting is \$332,092.06, and we recommend the payment of the usual dividend of 327 per share; the appropriation of \$15,000 at 3/12—\$102,400 to the Reinsurance Fund, and that the balance of \$13,692.06 be placed to the credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account. This Account will then stand at a figure of \$81,480.78, which you Directors should wish to meet all calls that may be made upon it.

You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus on their salaries of 15 per cent granted to the staff. I do not think that there is anything further in the Accounts which requires special mention by me, but after the resolution which I am about to propose has been seconded I shall be glad to satisfy to the best of my ability any enquiries arising out of them which shareholders may wish to put.

I now propose the following resolution—That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of 327 per share, an addition to the Reinsurance Fund of \$15,000 at exchange 3/12—\$102,400, the transfer of \$13,692.06 to the credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent upon their salaries be adopted and passed.

Mr. Dennison seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. The Chairman: The next business, gentlemen, is the appointment of the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Ho Leung: I have much pleasure in proposing that the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Messrs. A. H. Compton, F. Maitland, T. E. Pearce, H. W. Sassoon, and H. P. White be appointed together with the Chairman to form a Consulting Committee for the next financial year, and in view of the success of the Company and the considerable increase in the magnitude of its operations, that the fee be increased to \$15,000.

Mr. Stevenson: I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman: The next business, gentlemen, is the re-election of auditors for the ensuing year.

PASSAGE RATES.

CEYLON MERCHANTS KICK.

DEMAND FOR A REDUCTION.

In spite of the fact that freight rates have been very materially reduced during the past few months passenger rates have remained stationary.

Since Homeward passages are paid for on a sterling basis the rapid depreciation in the value of the rupee has caused a consequent rise in the price which must be paid in rupees for a Homeward passage by Ceylon and Indian residents.

Naturally, this has given rise to much dissatisfaction and so high, in fact, are the passage rates that many Ceylon residents have found themselves quite unable to meet the heavy charge and have been most reluctantly compelled to postpone their Home leave indefinitely. Hence the proposition of a record Home traffic this spring is not likely to be realised.

A Times of Ceylon representative learns that the matter is being taken up very energetically by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, and that a letter has been addressed by the Chamber to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on the subject. This letter points out that the price of coal has fallen and that the general working expenses of the shipping companies are being steadily if slowly reduced. Emphasis is laid upon the fact that freight rates have recently come down with a rush and it is further urged that the passenger rates at present ruling are far too high.

The hardship which these high rates impose upon Ceylon residents who are in receipt of a rupee salary is clearly brought out, and it is mentioned that many married men are quite unable to afford the expensive luxury of a trip Home for themselves and their families.

Altogether a strong case is made out for a reduction in the Homeward passage rates and the Ceylon Government is asked to use its good offices to bring about a reduction. In view of the urgency of the matter it is suggested that the Ceylon Government should communicate with the authorities at Home by cable.

It is further understood that local firms have circulated with a view to securing their co-operation in this matter.

PASSENGER FARES.

A REDUCTION NECESSARY.

WHAT THE BUSINESS MAN WANTS.

Commenting on the interesting announcement that the China Mail S.S. Co. has decided, commencing on April 24, to reduce considerably the passenger fares on the S.S. "Nile," bringing them into line with the rates charged for passage on the company's S.S. "China," *Shipping and Engineering* says:—It is to be hoped, in the interests of the average business man who travels because he has to, or because he is going on a well-earned leave, that the present slight tendency to reduce fares will become an epidemic. It is well-known, of course, that the costs of operating a modern passenger steamship are enormous, many of the companies' efforts to provide accommodation, food and service of the very highest standard, help to maintain the present fantastic rates. The average person wishing to cross the oceans is concerned chiefly in getting to his destination quickly, and as cheaply as is compatible with reasonable comfort and feeding. He is not keen on, nor able well to afford, the luxurious accommodation and pampering service provided by some of the shipping companies. Time for these will come some years hence, when the wealthy tourist is as necessary to the prosperity of a few companies as he is a hindrance, a nuisance, and an obstacle to the travelling business man of to-day. It seems a pity that more shipping companies cannot, or will not, but in any case do not, emulate the example of the Blue Funnel Line in the matter of carrying passengers. This company has consistently kept its passenger rates as low as possible—much lower than on the vessels of other lines operating exactly the same routes—and yet (we speak from experience) the accommodation, service and food are such as to quite satisfy any but the most unreasonable of beings. In saying this, we may mention that we hold not the slightest brief for the company mentioned. We mention the name only for a concrete comparison, and to point out that a person may travel in enjoyment and comfort on some lines while at the same time paying a much less rate of passage than obtains on others.

Mr. Lo Cheung-shun: I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., to be auditors of the Company for the ensuing year with a remuneration of \$500 each.

Mr. Murdoch: I have much pleasure in seconding that.

Carried unanimously. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend Warrants are now ready and may be had on application.

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"GIVE US THE VOTE"

CANTON WOMEN'S DEMAND.

CITY PARADED YESTERDAY.

Following their recent dramatic and noisy demonstration at the Provincial Assembly last Monday when several of their leaders received injuries from which they have not yet recovered, women suffragettes, numbering more than a thousand strong held a meeting at the Kwang Association Building yesterday morning to discuss further plans to continue their fight.

The third floor of the Building was crowded with the amateur militant suffragettes who were mostly students from the different girls schools in the city. The walls in the meeting room were decorated with scrolls with the slogans "Equality of Sex," "Long live Dr. Sun Yat-sen and General Chen Ching-ming," "Fight to the finish," "Give us the vote," "Women Suffrage in China," etc.

Immediately after the meeting, a monster parade was held which proceeded to the place where the historic fight of the day before was fought—the Provincial Assembly. From the Assembly the procession of a thousand odd women and girls each carrying a flag with the slogans of their movement, proceeded to the Civil Governor's Yamen and thence to the Military Government, where jubilant songs and national airs were sung, as an expression of their appreciation to the officials who sympathise with the suffrage movement. (Canton Times.)

A LUCKY MAN.

SERIOUS OFFENCE LIGHTLY REGARDED.

A seaman named Fred Brugasi, was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with (1) assaulting a Chinese lady, and (2) behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk in Queen's Road East yesterday afternoon.

Replying to the first charge, the defendant denied assaulting the lady, saying that what he remembered was that the complainant's richa bumped into him and then overbalanced. The whole thing happened so suddenly that he could not say just how it occurred. With regard to the other charge, the defendant pleaded "guilty."

The complainant who said she had only recently returned from America, deposed that about 4 p.m. yesterday she was driving along Praya East in a ricksha, going west, when the defendant came up and holding the shaft of the vehicle, forced the coolie to stop. Then suddenly he pushed the richa over. As the hood was up at the time, this witness was imprisoned in the vehicle and lay on the mud for some time before a Chinese constable came to her assistance. When the defendant saw the constable he ran away. Chase was given, and he was caught. The complainant added that her clothing was badly soiled, but luckily, she was not injured by her fall.

The Magistrate said that he did not think the assault was a deliberate one. He was sure the defendant would not have upset the richa had he been in his sober senses. If the defendant were prepared to apologise to the lady, he would not take a serious view of the first charge.

Defendant (to complainant): I am very sorry.

The complainant accepted the apology remarking that what she resented was the belief of some people that they could do what they liked with a Chinese woman.

Convinced the defendant on the second charge, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$7 or in default, 14 days hard labour.

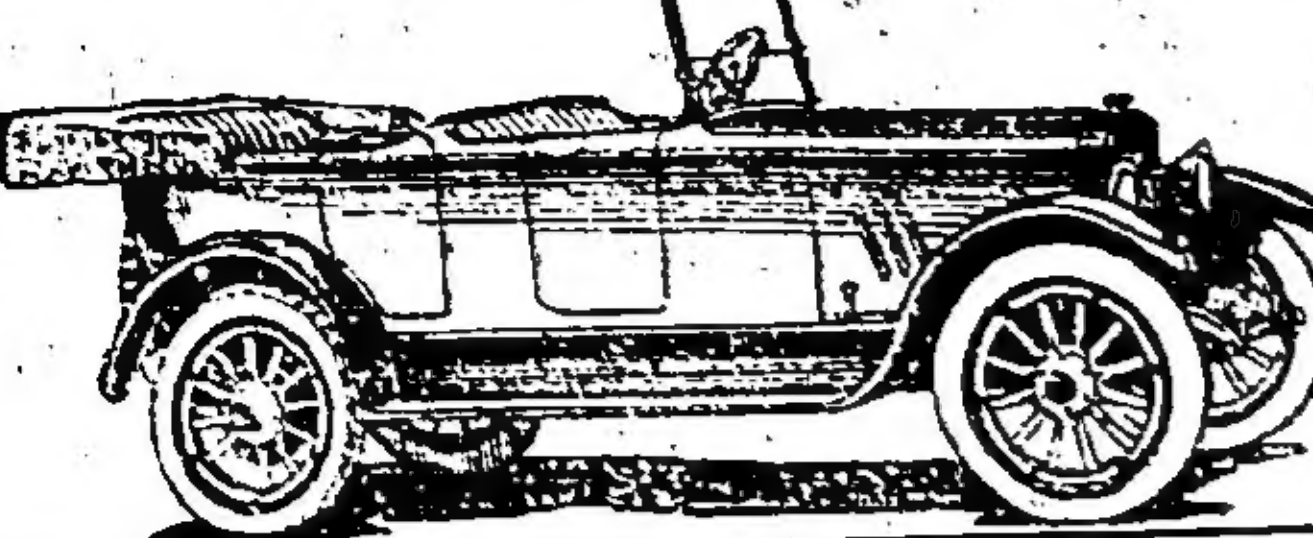
WHY

DOES TIGHTENING VIOLIN STRINGS CAUSE A HIGHER NOTE?

If we take two strings, one a foot long and the other only six inches, and, fixing these securely at either end, pluck or hit them with the same force, we will find that the shorter string will vibrate much more rapidly than the long one. The same principle would apply if a violin bow were to be rubbed over the two strings, for the shorter a string is, the more rapidly it reacts to outside influences.

When, therefore, a finger is pressed down upon a violin string, the latter is really made shorter than it was before, and it vibrates more quickly. One "note" in music is "higher" than another simply because the vibrations of the air are more rapid. In the case of the violin, the air-movement is started by the extremely fast displacement of the string and the corresponding impression upon our ear is "high" or "low," according to the speed of this movement. Tightening the string of a violin has the same effect as shortening it, and the "high note" naturally results.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

NEWS FROM GERMANY.

"REDS" SUPPRESSED.

BERLIN, March 29.

The "Communist" outbreak is already dying down. It finished today when government troops surrounded a big nitrogen plant at Leun near Halle, which was the communist headquarters, and forced the insurgents to surrender. A thousand prisoners were taken and large supplies of arms and ammunition recovered.

The Reichswehr, whose numbers in Berlin were greatly augmented yesterday, are now stamping out the embers of the revolt, notably at Leipzig, and in Rhineland and Westphalia. A state of siege is declared in the districts of Münster, Arnberg, and the unoccupied part of Düsseldorf. The entente restored the arms of the police in the occupied part of Düsseldorf in order to repulse any communist attack. There were fifty casualties during fights between the police and the Reds at Essen yesterday.

PACIFIC ISLAND TRADE.

A Berlin telegram states that the former German South Sea commercial undertakings are preparing to resume activity on a great scale. Their plans comprise fusions, increase of capital, and an invocation of American help. One fusion already formed between two leading concerns is that of the Jaluit company of Hamburg and the German trade and plantations company of the South Sea islands which has formed a new company called the Trade and Colonisation Company Limited, behind which stand the big banks and several important merchants of the Hanse cities. The Jaluit company formerly operated in the Marshall and Caroline islands and had valuable phosphate rights on Nauru. The trade and plantations company operated in Samoa.

BERLIN, March 30.

The authorities are busily rounding up the defeated rebels and 1,400 have at present been taken prisoners in Central Germany.

HUNGARY'S CROWN.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S SURPRISING ACTION.

LONDON, March 30.

The greatest astonishment has been caused by the sudden arrival of the Austrian Emperor Karl in Hungary of which it is rumoured he intends to assume the Crown. Well-informed circles in Paris and Rome are inclined to discredit the reports, but details of the journey are given both from Vienna and Budapest showing that Karl, disguised, reached the Austro-Hungarian frontier on Saturday. The Hungarian Premier Teleki who was summoned urged the Emperor "not to carry out his intentions." Karl however proceeded to Budapest and saw the Regent Horthy who advised him to return to Switzerland. Karl declined to leave the country and is at present staying at Steinamanger.

DISARMAMENT.

AMERICA SHOULD DISCUSS IT.

LONDON, March 29.

With reference to reports emanating from New York, it is authoritatively stated in London that nothing is known as regards alleged steps on the part of the United States to approach the British government informally on the question of disarmament.

A BOXING HOAX.

DEMPSEY AND CARPENTIER.

NEW YORK, March 29.

A newspaper story that Solly Joel was endeavouring to finance a fight between Dempsey and Carpentier proves to be a hoax. Jack Joel informs Renter that the report is baseless.

A GREEK VICTORY.

FABLES FROM FIGLAND.

SMYRNA, March 29.

It is reported that the Greeks took 1,700 prisoners at Afunkarahisar. Losses on both sides were heavy.

SWEDEN TO TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

STOCKHOLM, March 30.

The biggest export concerns and some of the leading banks have formed an organisation with a capital of a milliard kronor with the object of opening up financial and commercial relations with the Soviets.

CANADA'S SHIPPING.

GOVERNMENT'S MERCHANT FLEET INCREASED.

OTTAWA, March 30.

The Government's fleet of 47 merchantmen is being increased on July 1 by sixteen ships of which seven will be oilburners. The cost of construction will be \$100 per ton. The net earnings last year amounted to 24 per cent, which is regarded as satisfactory in view of the abnormal conditions.

DRUNK OR DESPERATE?

SAILORS' STRANGE CONDUCT.

DOOR OF CUBO SHOP DAMAGED.

Shortly after eight o'clock last night the premises of Messrs. Komor and Komorart, and curio dealers in Des Voeux Road, were the scene of what appears to have been a deliberate attempt at burglary by two men dressed in sailor uniform who covered their design by pretending drunkenness—until a police whistle was blown, when they promptly took to their heels, according to the watchman who first noticed their unusual movements. The watchman asserts that both men were Europeans but he is doubtful if he could identify them, owing to the speed with which they made off, said Mr. Komor interviewed by a *China Mail* reporter this morning. The men when first observed by the watchman seemed to be clambering up the iron sliding gate which protects the glass doors at the top of the four steps leading from the pavement up to the floor level. Mr. Komor discounts the idea of a drunken prank as the iron grille had been tampered with to such an extent that this morning when his son arrived at the shop to open it one portion of the iron gate fell into the street and another crashed through a valuable plate glass window. Furthermore, he holds that deliberate intention would be necessary before the four steps leading up to the shop would be climbed. In addition the statement by the watchman is said to indicate that the two men, drunk or sober, were too interested in the lock, which was placed in a not easily accessible spot in the top left hand corner of the iron gate. Mr. Komor holds the interesting opinion that most of the big burglaries in Hongkong are not the work of Chinese but of a capable European gang who operate not in the quiet watches of the night when their suspicious movements would more readily attract attention, but round about the hour of eight o'clock at night when most people are at the evening meal and the watchmen have not yet come on duty. He is of the opinion that the only remedy is to organise regular beats by watchmen or police constables in the more important streets, on similar lines to those at Home, from the time that the shops are closed until they are reopened in the morning.

The genial Lt. Col. Eden Turner who suggested that all British officials in India should wear uniforms according to their office, was evidently moved to his suggestion by the characteristics inherent in his first name, says the "Topicist" in the *Singapore Free Press*. But there is something in the idea after all and life would be much gayier if H.E. for instance always wore a nice white suit with scarlet frogs, if the "Sekken Gubernier" turned out to duty in a red edged jacket and blue striped trousers. We could picture the cheery P.C.M.O. in a pleasant fantasy of skulls and crossbones, and the Chief of the P.W.D. might attend Council in a collarless shirt and belt, with his trousers secured by red tape just below the knee. With the Treasurer arrayed in Chetty garb—the uncovered portions being discreetly stained—and the First Magistrate tactfully attired in an S.C.C. jersey, we should find the dull monotony of Singapore life considerably eased, whilst amongst the Unofficials the most honourable of them might perhaps choose the Cap and Bells, and shake a saucy head when the Official Majority sat munched what time important departmental matters were under discussion.

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ROME MURDER TRIAL.

D'ANNUNZIO'S SON ACQUITTED.

ACCUSED TO MARRY.

Rome, February 7.—The Court has acquitted the pianist, Mlle. Marie Blengini, on a charge of attempting to murder Lieut. Doctor Mareri, and Prince Gabriele Gravins (son of the poet D'Annunzio) on a charge of being an accessory to the crime.

According to the prosecution, Lieut. Mareri visited the Prince at the Continental Hotel, Rome, and on leaving the building was fired upon, but only slightly injured by the female accused.

The Prince it was alleged, supplied her with the revolver with which she wished to take the Lieut's life in consequence of statements he had made to the Prince about her which she resented.

In the first place only the pianist was charged and Prince Gravins appeared before the court as a witness. The jury protested against the fact that he too, had not been placed in the dock, and the trial was adjourned to enable a warrant to be issued for his arrest.

The Prince thereupon disappeared, and it was generally understood that he went to stay with his father at Fiume.

The trial was resumed in his absence, and then the Prince unexpectedly appeared in Court and was placed in the dock.

The evidence revealed the female accused to be a prolific and clever writer, and her diaries and letters which were read created a great impression.

The President of the Court said to her "When you leave this Court you will be able to write far more interesting books than those of Guido Da Verona, the most widely read novelist in Italy to-day."

Other evidence showed that Mlle. Blengini, who was declared to be a brilliant pianist, had a rather lonely existence until meeting Prince Gravins.

The latter's mother however objected to the acquaintanceship and they were obliged to separate. Then it was that Mlle. Blengini struck up a friendship with Lieut. Mareri. On his acquittal the Prince declared that he would marry Mlle. Blengini and that they would both play for the films.

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